

# Needham Youth Services

## Youth Commission Meeting Notes

1/13/2016

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 12/9/2015; January Department Report; Winter/Spring Program Brochure; Feedback on Presentation to SEPAC; NHS and Pollard MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey; Icon and Wordle Drafts; and Forde Award Flyer/Invitation

- **Accepted Minutes of 12/9/2015**

- **Youth Services' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Discussion**

Selected icon and wordle as created by Kevin (thanks Kevin)

- **Community Focus**

Discussed the issue of the gender neutral bathrooms at the high school and Sonia will update members at the next meeting. Also discussed the high school principal search

- **Metro West Rick Behavior Survey**

Discussed various aspects and topics related to the 2014 survey (which was released to the public earlier this academic year).

- **Program Update:**

- Update on the Youth Resource Network.
- Update on VIP Program.
- Update on Peer Tutor Program.
- Update on A Conversation...; next program in January.
- Will be addressing parents as part of the high school parenting conference on 1/23.
- Will be addressing the Mitchell School parents in the spring.
- Began work with 4<sup>th</sup> graders in January at the Newman School on the topic of "kindness"
- Update on Make A Statement Day 2016.
- Update on the Employee Engagement Committee and Survey.
- The 2016 Forde Award will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month.
- New Babysitter training starts on 1/14.
- We have been working with the Police and Housing Authority to develop more of a presence at the Housing Authority
- Work on Graduate School Clinical Interns Program for the 2016/17 is just starting.
- Work on Undergraduate School Interns for this summer will begin next month.
- We will be back at the High Rock School next month to facilitate another year of "Safe Surf."
- Update on the Teen Dating Violence Program at the high school.
- Update on a new program to replace the Loss Program at the high school.
- Update on a pilot program at the high school focusing upon depression and suicide.
- We will be facilitating another seminar from interns in the collaborative as Needham Public School Interns on the topic of depression and suicide.
- Discussed the new Senior Award Ceremony (which is an expansion of the Peer Tutor Award Ceremony)

- **Old/New Business**

In March we will hold the annual staff and board retreat at the Center at the Heights

- **Adjourn:**

Members Present:	Karen Folb, Julie Stevens, David Bookston, Kevin Keane, Susan Patkin, Sonia Raja, Jillian Smith, and Vin Springer
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman, Katy Colthart, and Liz Loveless
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